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Communication

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's letter mailed February 2, 2004, attached is the complete list of claims for the Preliminary Amendment mailed on January 14, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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